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EDITORIALS

FREDERICK DOUGLASS. One hundred years ago this month, supposedly about the 17th, was born upon a slave plantation in Tuckhoe, Maryland, a little poorly clad, unfed, unnamed boy, just like the rest of boys. This particular and peculiar boy lived off of the offals from the table, fighting with the dogs for a living. Such was the lowly beginning of Frederick Douglass, who by his own ambition and indomitable will to do something and be something, and when he died, kings, presidents and great rulers honored him and he was truly our first great leader that was respected and honored by all nations and races, and this month the 12,000,000 of Negroes are commemorating his centennial. Few men came from so low a depth in slavery and arose so high as he did in recorded in the world's history. He was a success as an orator, a lecturer, an editor, a soldier and as a politician and as a financier. He lived to a ripe age of 78 years, having made this old world better by him having lived in it. His life has been an inspiration to every Negro youth and ought to be a true example of true greatness to the white American youth, and when we turn back the pages of American history and read of Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, William L. Garrison, Wendell Phillips or Henry Ward Beecher or Theodore Roosevelt, let truth touch your pen and tell of Frederick Douglass, B. K. Bruce and Booker T. Washington.

A GREAT LEADER IS NEEDED. In this great age, where the struggle for commercial greed and selfish ambition is upmost, the American people are greatly in need of a real leader in whom all Americans could have confidence. It is also true that the American Negro needs today a true and trusted leader. We need an honest leader who will dare to stand out for right, justice and equality in all places and at all times. Leaders whose vision of the needs of humanity knows no color line, whose conception is that based upon that broad principle of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God. What we need is a real leader who is broad enough and liberal enough to see our faults and shortcomings and bold enough to tell us of them. One who can see the Anglo-Saxon faults and tell him about them. Such a man the world is waiting for and we need him.

CARTOONS.

Recently The Bystander has made a contract with one of the largest cartoon companies, the International Cartoon Co. of New York, to furnish us with weekly cartoons to change the monotone of our paper and give it some humor. We hope that our readers will appreciate it and that it may become one of the new added features to The Bystander.

A GOOD BUSINESS VENTURE. In another part of this paper will be found an advertisement where the four Spencer brothers have consummated a plan to organize themselves into a corporation to do contracting work in cement, with general headquarters in Mason City and branch offices in Grinnell and Jacksonville, Ill. This is the first attempt to organize a strong corporation for contract work of this nature by our race in the great middle west, and we hope that every loyal race man will encourage and give this firm all of your work. The Spencer brothers are natural born men for cement work, as their father for fifty years followed that trade in Jacksonville, Ill., and was considered the best in that section of Illinois.

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OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

Mrs. Effie Weeks and daughter, Miss Bertha, left Saturday for their home in Chicago. They were guests in the home of Mrs. Weeks' mother, Mrs. Fannie Wilson-Smith. Master Carl Brown, several days ago hurt his hand and at this writing is causing him much pain. W. C. Coleman is much improved. Mrs. Arthur Brown is a sufferer of neuralgia. Mrs. Mary Washington Rose of Des Moines is visiting her mother, Mrs. Ida Worthington on N. F. street. Miss Mable Washington and father have returned from Rock Island, Ill., and will make this their future home. Mr. Chas Adams is out again. Friday night the revival meetings at Shorter A. M. E. church close. The evangelist, Mrs. A. Coleman, leaves Saturday morning for Fuxton. She brings the message which she explains beautifully. All those who attended these meetings the past three weeks express themselves much benefitted spiritually. Frank Bush was able to be out Tuesday afternoon a little while. When a vest gets too old, ragged and dirty for wearing purposes, what should be done with it? Why pass it to the Mother's club, to help make comfort tops; understand. The revival meetings are well attended. Mrs. Mollie Ringo is much improved; still indoors. Mrs. Hattie Coleman, the evangelist, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown, the last week of her stay in the city. She leaves Saturday for Fuxton, a return call. Mr. Alonzo Adams has returned and has employment at the Hotel Lacey. Tuesday Feb. 13th was the regular meeting of Esther chapter, O. E. S. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson of Ottumwa celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary Thursday, Feb. 8th at the home of Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jones. Only home folks present. Mrs. Frank Allen is feeling fine since her recent illness.

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EXERTED WIDE INFLUENCE

Wife of Dr. Robert E. Jones Passes Away at New Orleans After Six Months' Illness—Was Notable Figure in Religious, Educational and Civic Life of City and State.

By V. P. THOMAS. New Orleans.—Mrs. Valena Jones, nee MacArthur, wife of Dr. Robert E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, who died in this city in January, was one of the most widely known Christian women in New Orleans and the south. Mrs. Jones had been ill for the past six months. Although she suffered greatly, she bore it with noble Christian fortitude, exemplifying exalted faith in Jesus Christ.

In witness of the warm affection in which the deceased was held beautiful floral offerings in abundance were sent by individuals, churches, clubs and various societies. Mrs. Jones was a zealous church worker, capable as a public schoolteacher, a model and lovable wife, mother and friend. Funeral services were held at Trinity church. It was the largest gathering that has assembled to pay tribute to the memory of any person at New Orleans for many years.

Among the noted men who offered touching tributes of respect were Dr.



THE LATE MRS. E. E. JONES.

J. W. E. Bowen of Gammon Theological seminary, Dr. M. W. Dogan of Wiley university, Professor J. S. Clark of Southern university, Professor J. R. Reynolds of Gilbert academy, Dr. I. G. Penn, secretary, Freedmen's Aid society; Dr. W. H. Logan of Houston, Tex.; District Superintendent Valcour Chapman, and the Rev. Alfred Lawless. Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield of the Methodist Episcopal church made the principal address, which was a touching word picture of how Mrs. Jones had set the example of living for all who would live a right beautiful Christian life and deserve the reward of eternal happiness.

These testimonials of the place Mrs. Jones held in the hearts of the many people who knew her were tributes to the memory of one who really deserved the acknowledgements from those among whom she lived. Her achievements were of the character that meant more for the foundation of civic life with the home of love and duty to it as its inspiration than all the public achievements in the world without this foundation could deserve.

It would be a neglect of fine material and of a fitting opportunity for lessons on the beautiful in womanhood, motherhood and wifehood if a book portraying the model character of this woman is not written and placed for study and contemplation in the homes of the many who need the inspiration that a study of such a life would give. She left in going to her reward two daughters, a son, a mother, a brother and a husband who had done all in his power to prolong her life, though she was sick unto death for months.

Without trying or thinking of doing so Mrs. Jones gave living proof that there is much in the Christian faith, much to live for in it, much to depend upon in it, much to draw courage from in it, much to bear and suffer pain in cheerfulness in it and, most of all, much to meet and face death without feeling the sting of it. She proved that with the Christian faith as staff and standard it was not so hard after all to bear the torturing clutches of pain night and day.

"My suffering is great, but Christ, my Redeemer, nailed to the cross and hanging from the nails in his hands and feet on Calvary for my redemption and salvation suffered much more than I suffer. I should not complain of my suffering or think that my lot is hard when I know that my Lord was crucified and died on the cross for me. My husband has loved and has helped me with a love that was tender and true from the day he first pledged me he'd love me till today, when with all his sympathy no more he can do for me."

ANOKA, MINN.

The Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. M. F. Ward on Thursday afternoon. Business in general; address by the pastor of the A. M. E. church. Lunch was served by the hostess and Mrs. B. T. Lewis.

On Sunday evening the pastor Rev. J. W. Dowden, preached on Missionary work to his congregation.

Miss Edith Harris was in Des Moines this week to attend the funeral of her cousin, at the home of Mr. Wm. Parker. Mr. Eugene Young and Miss Viola of Des Moines were called home to Hocking on account of the illness of their mother, Mrs. Young. They were in Albion on Sunday visiting at the home of Miss Edith and Frances Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grayson of Hocking Nc. 3 were in Albion on Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie G. Benning has returned from Des Moines after a week's stay, but is very sick at her home. Master Bennie and LeRoy Grayson were appointed as collection boys at A. M. E. Sunday School Sunday. Girl's meeting at Social Center on Sunday afternoon.

MONMOUTH, ILL.

The Willing Workers club met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Ruth Thompson Rev. C. Hontton of Chicago was in the city in interest of the McDaniel Industrial school Chicago. While here he stopped with Mrs. D. Losh.

Mr. Oiman of Burlington was here Thursday giving music lessons at Mrs. Lillian Able.

Miss Olive Hale of Peoria returned home after spending a few days here with Mrs. Richard Wallace.

Mrs. Ada Chambers of Kewanee was in town for a few days.

Mrs. Levetta Clark and children of Galesburg attended the funeral service of Mrs. Elizabeth Craig.

Services were held Monday afternoon over the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Craig, who passed away Saturday noon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Neal. Rev. Eugene Thompson had charge and the remains were taken Monday night to Overland, Ohio for burial. Mrs. Neal accompanied the remains.

During the past few days fire completely destroyed the barn of Mr. Wm. Wallace. The horse and vehicles were saved, but much bailed hay destroyed. The home of Mr. George Jones was burned Friday. The house being very much damaged and some of the household goods destroyed.

Miss Marie Saunders is enjoying a box of oranges which were sent her from Florida.

Mr. Charles Mitchell is in the hospital from result of an accident.

Those known to be on the sick list at this writing are Mrs. E. C. Peoples, Mrs. Zack Tyman, Miss Laura Allen, Mr. Zack Price and Mrs. Dora Wallace.

John Peoples has returned after spending a few weeks in Chicago.

Mrs. Lillian Catlin was a business caller in Roseville on Friday.

Sabbath evening Rev. H. L. Forte preached his farewell sermon at the Calvary Baptist church. A few weeks ago Rev. Forte resigned as pastor of his charge.

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Dickens: There are not a few among the disciples of charity who require to their vocation, scarcely less excitement than the votaries of pleasure do; and hence it is that diseased sympathy and compassion are every day expended on out-of-the-way objects, when only too many demands upon the legitimate exercise of the same virtues in a healthy state are constantly within the sight and hearing of the most unobtrusive person alive. In short, charity must have its romance, as the novelists of the present day must have his.

No More Gold Lace for Afghans. The ameer has published an edict which applies to all parts of Afghanistan prohibiting the import into the country of all kinds of gold lace, including embroidered kullies lungis and embroidered shoes. The ameer is evidently actuated by a desire to prevent his subjects from spending their hard earned money on showy dress. It is the poorer classes who are notoriously addicted to this extravagance which his majesty has decided to check. The gold laced coat of the Afghans is decidedly handsome, and although the ameer has acted wisely in bringing into general use clothing less costly, his majesty's orders will doubtless be received by his subjects with rather mixed feelings.

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A good remedy for sleeplessness is to wet a towel and apply to the back of the neck, pressing it hard against the base of the brain and fastening over this cloth to prevent too rapid evaporation. The effect will be prompt and pleasant, cooling the brain and inducing a sweet and peaceful slumber. Warm water is better than cold for the purpose. This remedy will prove useful to people suffering from overwork, excitement or any other cause.

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In the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county, March term, A. D. 1917.

Ida M. Nay, plaintiff,

vs.

Herald Nay, defendant.

To Herald Nay:

You are hereby notified that on or before the 15th day of February, A. D. 1917, the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause will be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county, Iowa, claiming of you an absolute divorce from the bond of matrimony now existing between you, on the ground of willful desertion without a just cause.

For further information see petition on file in the office of the clerk of the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county.

And unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the March term of said court, which will commence at Des Moines on the 5th day of March, 1917, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon.

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